

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) A method of enabling a user to complete installation of selected software programs on a computer system via the Internet, the method comprising:
 - installing, during manufacture, a sufficient software required to render the computer system operational and capable of connection to the Internet;
 - providing the computer system to the user;
 - the user initially booting the system;
 - displaying on a display of the computer system an icon;
 - selecting the icon;
 - responsive to selection of the icon, accessing, via an Internet connection, a secure website of the system manufacturer comprising an Internet boot facility, whereby original user purchased software is authorized for downloading to the system;
 - providing to the Internet boot facility a manufacturer ID number identifying the computer system to the Internet boot facility;
 - accessing a file corresponding to the ID number;
 - the manufacturer providing a list of additional software; and
 - the user downloading to and installing on the computer system at least one software product associated with the ID number.
2. (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein the icon is associated with a software product and wherein the at least one software product downloaded to and installed on the computer system comprises the associated software product.

3. (Original) The method of claim 2 wherein the associated software product was previously purchased in connection with the computer system.
4. (Original) The method of claim 2 wherein the associated software product was not previously purchased in connection with the computer system, the method further comprising, prior to the downloading and installing, prompting the user to provide payment information to purchase the associated software product.
5. (Original) The method of claim 1 further comprising:
prior to the downloading and installing, displaying a web page of the Internet boot facility comprising a list of software products associated with the ID number; and
responsive to selection of one of the listed software products,
downloading to and installing on the computer system the selected one of the listed software products.
6. (Original) The method of claim 5 wherein the listed software products comprise software products previously purchased in connection with the computer system.
7. (Original) The method of claim 5 wherein the selected one of the listed software products was not previously purchased in connection with the computer system, the method further comprising, prior to the downloading and installing, prompting the user to enter payment information to purchase the selected one of the listed software products.
8. (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein the Internet boot facility is maintained by a manufacturer of the computer system.

9. (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein the downloading and installing comprises automatically downloading to and installing on the computer system all software products previously purchased in connection with the computer system.
10. (Currently Amended) A system for enabling a user to complete installation of selected software programs on a computer system via the Internet, the system comprising:
- a minimum software package installed on the computer system by a manufacturer to enable an Internet connection of the computer system;
 - the computer system being received and ~~operated~~ initially booted by the user;
 - means for displaying on a display of the computer system an icon;
 - means for selecting the icon;
 - means responsive to selection of the icon for accessing, via an Internet connection, a secure website of the system manufacturer comprising an Internet boot facility, whereby original user purchased software is authorized for downloading to the system;
 - means for providing to the Internet boot facility a manufacturer ID number identifying the computer system to the Internet boot facility;
 - means for accessing a file corresponding to the ID number;
 - means for the manufacturer to provide a list of additional software; and
 - means for downloading to and installing on the computer system at least one software product associated with the ID number, whereby the user completes the software installation of the computer system.

11. (Original) The system of claim 10 wherein the icon is associated with a software product and wherein the at least one software product downloaded to and installed on the computer system comprises the associated software product.
12. (Original) The system of claim 11 wherein the associated software product was previously purchased in connection with the computer system.
13. (Original) The system of claim 11 wherein the associated software product was not previously purchased in connection with the computer system, the method further comprising, prior to the downloading and installing, prompting the user to provide payment information to purchase the associated software product.
14. (Original) The system of claim 10 further comprising:
 - means for displaying a web page of the Internet boot facility comprising a list of software products associated with the ID number prior to the downloading and installing; and
 - means responsive to selection of one of the listed software products for downloading to and installing on the computer system the selected one of the listed software products.
15. (Original) The system of claim 14 wherein the listed software products comprise software products previously purchased in connection with the computer system.
16. (Original) The system of claim 14 wherein the selected one of the listed software products was not previously purchased in connection with the computer system, the method further comprising, prior to the downloading and installing, prompting the user to enter payment information to purchase the selected one of the listed software products.

17. (Original) The system of claim 10 wherein the Internet boot facility is maintained by a manufacturer of the computer system.
18. (Original) The system of claim 10 wherein the downloading and installing comprises automatically downloading to and installing on the computer system all software products previously purchased in connection with the computer system.
19. (Currently Amended) A method of enabling a user to complete installation of selected software programs on a computer system via the Internet, the method comprising:
 - a manufacturer installing a sufficient software required to render the computer system operational and capable of connection to the Internet;
 - providing the computer system to the user;
 - responsive to an initial boot-up of the computer system, the user accessing, via an Internet connection, a secure website of the system manufacturer comprising an Internet boot facility, whereby original user purchased software is authorized for downloading to the system;
 - providing to the Internet boot facility a manufacturer ID number identifying the computer system to the Internet boot facility;
 - accessing a file corresponding to the ID number;
 - the manufacturer providing a list of additional software;
 - selecting additional software not required to render the computer system operational; and
 - the user downloading to and installing on the computer system at least one software product associated with the ID number.

20. (Original) The method of claim 19 wherein the downloading and installing comprises automatically downloading to and installing on the computer system all software products previously purchased in connection with the computer system.
21. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 19 further comprising:
prior to the downloading and installing, displaying a web page of the Internet boot facility comprising a list of software products associated with the ID number; and
responsive to selection of one of the listed software products, downloading to and installing on the computer system the selected one of the listed software products.
22. (Original) The method of claim 21 wherein the listed software products comprise software products previously purchased in connection with the computer system.
23. (Original) The method of claim 21 wherein the listed software products comprise software products not previously purchased in connection with the computer system, the method further comprising, prior to the downloading and installing, prompting the user to enter payment information to purchase the selected one of the listed software products.
24. (Original) The method of claim 19 wherein the Internet boot facility is maintained by a manufacturer of the computer system.

25. (Currently Amended) A system for enabling a user to complete installation of selected software programs on a computer system via the Internet, the system comprising:

a minimum software package installed on the computer system by a manufacturer to enable an Internet connection of the computer system;

the computer system being received and ~~operated~~ initially booted by the user;

means responsive to an initial boot-up of the computer system by the user for accessing, via an Internet connection, a secure website of the manufacturer comprising an Internet boot facility, whereby original user purchased software is authorized for downloading to the system;

means for providing to the Internet boot facility a manufacturer ID number identifying the computer system to the Internet boot facility;

means for accessing a file corresponding to the ID number;

means for the manufacturer to provide a list of additional software;

means for selecting additional software not required to render the computer system operational; and

means for downloading to and installing on the computer system at least one software product associated with the ID number, whereby the user completes the software installation of the computer system.

26. (Original) The system of claim 25 wherein the means for downloading and installing comprises means for automatically downloading to and installing on the computer system all software products previously purchased in connection with the computer system.

27. (Original) The system of claim 25 further comprising:
means for displaying a web page of the Internet boot facility comprising a list of software products associated with the ID number prior to the downloading and installing; and
means responsive to selection of one of the listed software products for downloading to and installing on the computer system the selected one of the listed software products.
28. (Original) The system of claim 27 wherein the listed software products comprise software products previously purchased in connection with the computer system.
29. (Original) The system of claim 27 wherein the listed software products comprise software products not previously purchased in connection with the computer system, the method further comprising, prior to the downloading and installing, prompting the user to enter payment information to purchase the selected one of the listed software products.
30. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 25 wherein the Internet boot facility is maintained by a manufacturer of the computer system.
31. (Currently Amended) An Internet boot facility maintained by a manufacturer of a computer system, the Internet boot facility comprising:
a minimum software package installed on the computer system by a manufacturer to enable an Internet connection of the computer system;
the computer system being received and ~~operated~~ initially booted by a user;
an Internet server for connecting, via an Internet connection, ~~to the computer system~~ to a secure website of the system manufacturer comprising an

Internet boot facility, whereby original user purchased software is authorized for downloading to the system;

a first database connected to the Internet server for maintaining a list of software products purchased in connection with the computer system as identified by a manufacturer ID number identifying the computer system;

a second database for storing software products downloadable to the computer system via the Internet connection;

wherein, responsive to connection of the computer system to the Internet boot facility via the Internet connection:

the ID number is provided to the Internet server;

the list of software products purchased in connection with the computer system is displayed on a display of the computer system; and

responsive to selection of one or more of the listed software products, the selected one or more of the listed software products are downloaded to and installed on the computer system via the Internet connection, whereby the manufacturing time is reduced by the minimum software installation, and further software installation is facilitated by the manufacturer ID number.

32. (Currently Amended) An Internet boot facility maintained by a manufacturer of a computer system, the Internet boot facility comprising:

a minimum software installation on the computer system by the manufacturer to enable an Internet connection of the computer system;

the computer system being received and-operated initially booted by a user;

an Internet server for connecting, via an Internet connection, to the computer system to a secure website of the system manufacturer comprising an

Internet boot facility, whereby original user purchased software is authorized for downloading to the system;

a first database connected to the Internet server for maintaining a list of software products purchased in connection with the computer system as identified by a manufacturer ID number identifying the computer system; and

a second database for storing software products downloadable to the computer system via the Internet connection;

wherein, responsive to connection of the computer system to the Internet boot facility via the Internet connection:

the ID number is provided to the Internet server; and

the software products purchased in connection with the computer system are downloaded to and installed on the computer system via the Internet connection, whereby the manufacturing time is reduced by the minimum software installation, and further software installation is facilitated by the manufacturer ID number.